

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for data sharing, comprising:
2 storing private data within a private data memory associated with a first sharing partner;
3 selecting a portion of the private data to provide a private data portion;
4 selecting one or more sharing partners associated with the first sharing partner;
5 associating the private data portion with the one or more selected sharing partners; and
6 replicating the selected data portion to each one of the one or more selected sharing
7 partners as respective replicated data on respective write-only data paths.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the associating the private data portion
2 with ~~the~~ the one or more selected sharing ~~partner~~ partners further includes:
3 creating a data tag, including one or more of a first sharing partner tag portion associated
4 with the first sharing partner, a selected sharing partners tag portion associated with the one or
5 more selected sharing partners, ~~an~~ a data identifier tag portion, and a data time identifier tag
6 portion; and
7 associating the data tag with the private data portion to provide tagged private data.

1 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the associating the private data portion
2 with the one or more selected sharing partners further includes:
3 creating a copy of the tagged private data to provide a tagged private data copy; ~~and~~
4 placing the tagged private data copy into a first shared data memory associated with the
5 first sharing partner to ~~a~~ provide a tagged shared data copy; and
6 associating the tagged shared data copy with a respective one of the one or more selected
7 sharing partners indicated by the selected sharing partners tag portion.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein replicating the selected data portion to
2 the one or more selected sharing partners ~~further includes~~ :
3 ~~—~~ copying the tagged shared data copy to a second shared data memory associated with the
4 respective one of the one or more selected sharing partners on a respective one of the write-only
5 data paths to provide a tagged replicated data copy.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the copying ~~further includes~~ copying
2 the tagged shared data copy ~~with a~~ on the write-only data ~~connection~~ path between the first shared
3 data memory and the second shared data memory.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~32~~, wherein replicating the selected data portion
2 to the one or more selected sharing partners ~~further includes~~ copying the tagged private data
3 copy to ~~the a~~ second shared data memory associated with ~~the a~~ respective one of the one or more
4 selected sharing partners to provide ~~the a~~ tagged replicated data copy.

1 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the copying ~~further includes~~ copying
2 the tagged private data copy ~~with a~~ on a respective one of the write-only data ~~connection~~ paths
3 between the first private data memory and the second shared data memory.

1 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~43~~, further including altering at least one of the
2 private data portion, the data tag, the tagged private data, the tagged private data copy, the tagged
3 shared data copy, ~~and/or~~ and the tagged replicated data copy.

1 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~84~~, ~~wherein altering further includes~~ further
2 including automatically updating at least one of the tagged private data, the tagged private data
3 copy, the tagged shared data copy, ~~and/or~~ and the tagged replicated data copy ~~to match in~~
4 accordance with the private data portion when the private data portion is altered by the first
5 sharing partner.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein altering the data tag further includes selecting
2 the one or more sharing partners with a graphical user interface associated with the data tag and
3 the first sharing partner.

1 11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the selecting the one or more
2 sharing partners ~~further~~ includes altering the selected sharing partners tag portion with the
3 graphical user interface.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further including automatically changing the
2 tagged shared data copy; and the tagged replicated data copy ~~to match the~~ in accordance with the
3 tagged private data ~~copy~~ when the tagged private data ~~copy~~ is altered by the first sharing partner.

1 13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first sharing partner and the one
2 or more selected sharing partners ~~correspond to~~ are associated with military allies, and the private
3 data portion corresponds to military data associated with the first sharing partner.

1 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the military allies are located in different
2 countries.

1 15. (Currently Amended) A data sharing apparatus comprising:

2 a first sharing partner ~~further~~ including:

3 a first client computer; and

4 a first sharing partner server coupled to the first client computer, wherein

5 the first sharing partner server ~~further~~ includes a ~~first~~ private data memory

6 ~~containing~~ having a private data portion ~~portion~~ and a private data ~~copy~~ coupled

7 ~~to a first shared data memory to provide a first shared data copy; and~~

8 ~~one or more~~ a second sharing partners partner ~~associated with the first sharing partner with~~

9 , the second sharing partner including:

10 a second client computer ~~associated with a respective one of the one or~~

11 ~~more sharing partners; and~~

12 a second sharing partner server coupled to the second client computer; and
13 a write-only data path coupled between the first sharing partner and the second sharing
14 partner to allow the first sharing partner to write replicated data to the second sharing partner.

1 16. (Currently Amended) The data sharing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the first sharing
2 partner server further includes a first shared data memory adapted to receive copied data in
3 accordance with the private data portion and wherein the second sharing partner server
4 ~~comprises~~includes a second private data memory coupled to a second shared data memory
5 adapted to receive the replicated data in accordance with the copied data from the first shared
6 data memory on the write-only data path; and
7 ~~a shared memory write-only data path from the first shared data memory to the second~~
8 ~~shared data memory, for coupling the first shared data copy to the second shared memory to~~
9 ~~provide a replicated data copy.~~

1 17. (Currently Amended) The data sharing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the second sharing
2 partner server comprises:
3 ~~a second private data memory coupled to a second shared data memory~~ adapted to receive the
4 replicated data in accordance with the private data portion from the private data memory on the
5 write-only data path; and
6 ~~a private memory write-only data path from the first private data memory to the second~~
7 ~~shared data memory, that couples the private data copy to the second shared data memory to~~
8 ~~provide the replicated data copy.~~

1 18. (Currently Amended) The data sharing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the one or more
2 selected sharing partners correspond to are associated with military allies, and the first private
3 data portion corresponds to military data.

1 19. (Original) The data sharing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the military allies are in different
2 countries.

1 20. (New) The method of claim 4, further including automatically updating the tagged
2 replicated data copy in accordance with the private data portion when the private data portion is
3 altered by the first sharing partner.

1 21. (New) The method of claim 1, further including automatically updating the replicated
2 data in accordance with the private data portion when the private data portion is altered by the
3 first sharing partner.

1 22. (New) The method of claim 21, further including:
2 de-selecting one of the selected one or more sharing partners; and
3 stopping the automatic updating of the respective replicated data to the de-selected
4 sharing partner in response to the de-selecting.

1 23. (New) The data sharing apparatus of claim 15, further including a second write-only data
2 path coupled between the second sharing partner server and the first sharing partner server to
3 allow the second sharing partner to write second replicated data to the first sharing partner.